

- (5) to place the family-group name BLISSIDA Stål, 1862 (type-genus *Blissus* Burmeister, 1835) (an incorrect original spelling for BLISSINAE) on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology.

COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED SUPPRESSION OF *TESTUDO TERRESTRIS* FERMIN,
1765 (REPTILIA). Z.N.(S.) 1459

(see this volume, pages 211–213)

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In their application for the suppression of certain specific names of turtles Mertens & Wermuth (1961, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 18(3) : 211–213) request the use of the plenary powers to suppress the specific name *terrestris* Fermin, 1765 (*Hist. nat. Hollande équinox.* : 51) as published in the combination *Testudo terrestris*. However, there is no need here for the plenary powers as *Testudo terrestris* Fermin, 1765, is an unavailable name, being published in a book, the author of which does not consistently apply the principles of binominal nomenclature. For many of the species Fermin used a single name like on p. 121 : “Mouches, en Latin *Musca*”, often he used binomina “*Gryllus aquaticus*”, “*Gryllus domesticus*” (p. 118) “*Gallina domestica*”, “*Gallina sylvatica*” (p. 96), but polynomina are no exception “*Serpens ex rubro, albo & nigro*” (p. 42) “*Cercopithecus Cinereus Cirratus capite nigro*” (p. 44), “Tigre en Latin *Felis flavescens, maculis nigris orbiculatis, quibusdam rosam referentibus, variegatâ*” (pp. 45, 46), “*Testudo marina major*” (p. 47). Therefore par. 8(2) of the proposal can be dropped, while at the same time it might by good if the book by Philippe Fermin “*Histoire naturelle de la Hollande équinoxiale : ou Description des animaux, plantes, fruits, et autres curiosités naturelles, qui se trouvent dans la colonie de Surinam ; avec Leurs Noms différents, tant François, que Latins, Hollandois, Indiens & Nègre-Anglois*”, pp. i–xii, 1–240 (Amsterdam, 1765) be placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Works in Zoological Nomenclature.